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Dear Mr. Monsure:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of December 13, 1995, to Mr. Dulles, the proposed revisions of GSA Reg. 1-II-209.02 and 209.03, and Standard Form 32 have been reviewed.

This Agency concurs in the proposed revisions to the Regulation and Standard Form 32 and submits the following specific comments on the notes in subsections 2.e. and 2.g. of the transmittal letter concerning the use of alternate clauses in Standard Form 32.

2.e: It is suggested that this clause be adopted for use in negotiated contracts where competition is considered inadequate to assure exclusion of the tax contingency allowance in the price, but that in view of its limited application it be supplied as an attachment instead of being printed as part of Standard Form 32.

2.g: It is suggested that the alternate Disputes clause be adopted because some contract appeal boards now consider such administrative review as an accommodation to the contractor and further, because its general use would avoid much needless litigation and related expense.

